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Oath Administration and Robing Ceremony for Maine's New Judges- Friday, May 2, 2014, Kennebec County Courthouse

The oath administration and robing ceremony for Maine's newest judges will be held on Friday, May 2, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Kennebec County Courthouse, Augusta, Maine, in the large courtroom on the second floor.

Governor Paul R. LePage will administer the oaths of office to the judges that he nominated and who were recently confirmed by the Maine Legislature. The judges will then receive a judicial robe from Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley, of the Supreme Judicial Court. The black robe worn by a judge is a traditional symbol of objectivity, neutrality, and the Rule of Law. The one-hour ceremony will include remarks by Governor LePage and Chief Justice Saufley.

The following individuals will be administered the oath of office and be invested with a robe:

Andrew Benson, Athens
William Schneider, Durham
Lance Walker, Falmouth
Eric Walker, Belmont (the Walkers are not related)
Barbara Raimondi, Auburn

In addition, District Court Judges Daniel I. Billings, of Bowdoinham, and Robert E. Mullen of Waterville, who were recently appointed by the Governor to the Superior Court, will be administered the oath of office. Finally, the following judges who were recently nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature for reappointment will be recognized: Supreme Court Justice Andrew Mead; Superior Court Justices Nancy Mills and Mark Horton; and District Court Judges Mike Cantara, Valerie Stanfill, Rick Lawrence, and Chuck Dow.

The media is welcome to attend. Any media planning to attend should have video equipment in place no later than 10 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin, i.e. by 1:50 p.m. FMI: Mary Ann Lynch 592-5940 or mary.ann.lynch@courts.maine.gov